



MINUTES OF THE WASHOE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

August 4, 2021

Washoe County Senior Center, Reno, Nevada 89512
Game Room
&
Zoom Webinar

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/78207944707?pwd=ZkgvSHFXeUszMkNlRXNaWHd3R1F1dz09>

1. ***Call To Order** - Meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Chair- Dr. Larry Weiss.
2. ***Roll Call** – Dr. Larry Weiss asked for the roll call; Ryan Crane took the roll. There was a quorum present via in person and through Zoom meeting.

WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT VIRTUALLY

Dr. Larry Weiss
Barbara Korosa
Linda Hardie
Rick Sorensen

Sarah Deardorff
Hawah Ahmad (late
3:08pm)
Donna Clontz

ABSENT (EXCUSED*)

*James Doyle
Mark Miranda
*Deborah Whitehouse
* Pamela Roberts

WASHOE COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Steve McBride
Abby Willrich

Ryan Crane
Herbert Kaplan (DA)

ADVISOR PRESENT

ADVISOR (ABSENT)
Victoria Edmondson
Connie McMullen

3. ***Public Comment** –
None.
4. ***Member Announcements** –
None.
5. **Approval of the Agenda for the Advisory Board Meeting on August 4, 2021 (For Possible Action)**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Rick Sorensen.
Motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of the Minutes for the Advisory Board Meeting on July 7, 2021 (For Possible Action)

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Linda Hardie and seconded by Donna Clontz.
Motion passed unanimously.

7. *Presentation regarding Unite Us, a new service in Nevada – Lynda Hascheff, Nevada Network Director

Attachments: https://www.washoecounty.us/seniorsrv/senior_services_advisory_board/2021/files/8-04-21%20Unite%20Us.pdf

Lynda presents on a new network company Unite Us (see attachment). Their goal is to build a network in Nevada that connects health and social care. The founders of the company created the company for veterans, and it has now grown into a national movement in communities. Unite Us owns the data that they collect, and they do not sell data, it is a tech company. The platform tracks services and the funding for those services. Unite Us uses a social economic platform for collecting data. Each client's data is protected under privacy.

Donna asked who is working with the company, Lynda stated they work with a lot of people, state, city, county, and all departments under them are part of the organizations they connect with. Currently at a local level, they are working on launching and starting to connect. Larry asked if 311 would part of the program, Lynda replied 311 can choose to use Unite Us to get information. Hawah asked if as a business, do they need to follow HIPPA and how is data kept private to prevent identity theft; Lynda replied they work to have privacy protection. Hawah asked if the aggregate data proprietary or is it shared, Lynda replied it's both and there is an asset map built within the network.

8. *Update, discussion, and potential Washoe County issues and activities including housing, transportation, and meal program to seniors – Steve McBride, Division Director

Abby stated that they had a record-breaking Fan Drive this year, they received 778 fan and gave out 675, there are still fans available for seniors that need a fan. Regarding meals, since the centers have opened, the meals given have increased for both dine in and to go. Also, the recruitment for the Board was posted and the recommendations for the Board of County Commissioners will go forward on August 24th.

9. *Update on Sparks Senior Citizen Advisory Committee - Donald Abbott

Donald stated their next meeting will be August 25th at Sparks City Hall. The AARP Livable Communities is in the meeting agenda. The meeting is in person only and masks are required.

10. *Update on Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee – Paco Lachoy

Paco reports that they are meeting in person and people that want to attend can call in as well. Their next meeting is August 10th. One of the things they are working on is communication, they have purchased space in the Senior Spectrum. One of the issues they have is with engagement of the community due to the virus. They are also working on calling seniors out for walks, there are 2 walks scheduled for who ever wants to participate. Paco also states their Board has 3 openings.

11. Update, report, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding age friendly communities sponsored by AARP throughout the county and cities (For Possible Action) – Donna Clontz

Donna stated the Sparks Board will have an item on their agenda for livable communities. The Reno Board is getting back on board, since COVID happened, everything paused for the moment.

12. Update, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding the Friendly Visitor Calls project to selected Washoe County seniors (For Possible Action)

Donna stated her appreciation for all the volunteer callers; she reports that she called the seniors, and many seniors are starting to be less isolated, they have been able to go out and about. Many seniors said they appreciated the service, but they no longer needed the calls. Currently there are 19 seniors on the list and 11 callers. The flyers for the project were sent out to the Food Bank and other food bank related senior programs; they were sent out to the Reno Housing Authority as well. Donna stated she would like to talk about having the county take over the project; Abby stated she believes that it's best if the project stays within the Board since it was a creation of the Board.

13. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding appointing Ethan Hovest or Hawah Ahmad to the Senior Advisory board for District 3, contingent of the removal of Mark Miranda in District 3 (For Possible Action)

Abby stated the appointing of Ethan Hovest and removing of Mark Miranda is going to the Board of County Commissioners on August 24th. Donna asked if the Board can make a recommendation in a contingent term, Herb Kaplan (DA) stated yes, however who ever is appointed would be carrying the term of the member that is no longer on the Board, meaning the 1st term wouldn't be a full 4 year term. Ethan stated if offered, he looks forward to accepting the position. Hawah stated she would prefer that things not get done in a contingent level but understands the situation.

Motion to recommend and appoint Hawah Ahmad to District 3 in contingent to Mark Miranda being removed from District 3, was made by Linda Hardie and seconded by Rick Sorensen. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding re-appointing Rick Sorensen to a second 4-year term to the Senior Advisory Board for District 4 (For Possible Action)

Motion to recommend Rick Sorensen to a second 4-year term is made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Linda Hardie. Motion passed unanimously.

15. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding re-appointing Sarah Deardorff to a second 4-year term to the Senior Advisory Board for District 5 (For Possible Action)

Motion to recommend Sarah Deardorff to a second 4-year term is made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Linda Hardie. Motion passed unanimously.

16. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding recruiting a new Advisory Board Member for District 1 (For Possible Action)

Abby stated they posted the opening in social media. Donna stated she spoke with Martha Lavin and she is interested in applying for the District 1 position. Martha Lavin, from the public, stated

she has lived in Reno for 8 years and she is involved in the senior community. Her background is in taxes.

17. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding appointing a new Advisory Board Member an At Large Member (For Possible Action)

- a. Hawah Ahmad (Alternate from District 3)
- b. Application from Ethan Hovest (District 3)
Attachments: [8-04-21 Ethan Hovest App Redacted.pdf \(washoeconomy.us\)](#)
[8-04-21 Ethan Hovest Resume.pdf \(washoeconomy.us\)](#)
- c. Application from Casey Reed (District 4)
Attachment: [8-04-21 Casey Reed Rdt Application.pdf \(washoeconomy.us\)](#)
Casey stated she is in an Advisory Board under Bonnie Weber and she works full time and is going to school to get her degree. She likes service and she likes the leadership and responsibility that goes with volunteering.
- d. Application from Mary Ann McCauley (District 5)
Attachment: [McCauley bio \(washoeconomy.us\)](#)
[https://washoe-nv.granicus.com/boards/forms/494/apply/2268168.pdf?code=3c1bb0c5-3e1f-4aa6-b11c-479caae97ba5&no_redaction=true \(washoeconomy.us\)](https://washoe-nv.granicus.com/boards/forms/494/apply/2268168.pdf?code=3c1bb0c5-3e1f-4aa6-b11c-479caae97ba5&no_redaction=true (washoeconomy.us))

Motion to recommend Casey Reed for the At Large seat after Donna Clontz vacates the seat was made by Rick Sorensen and seconded by Linda Hardie. Motion passed unanimously.

18. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding recommending a new Advisory Board Member for an Alternate, contingent of appointment of either Ethan Hovest or Hawah Ahmad to District 3 (For Possible Action)

- a. Application from Mary Ann McCauley (District 5)
Attachment: [McCauley bio \(washoeconomy.us\)](#)
[https://washoe-nv.granicus.com/boards/forms/494/apply/2268168.pdf?code=3c1bb0c5-3e1f-4aa6-b11c-479caae97ba5&no_redaction=true \(washoeconomy.us\)](https://washoe-nv.granicus.com/boards/forms/494/apply/2268168.pdf?code=3c1bb0c5-3e1f-4aa6-b11c-479caae97ba5&no_redaction=true (washoeconomy.us))
- b. Application from Casey Reed (District 4)
Attachment: [8-04-21 Casey Reed Rdt Application.pdf \(washoeconomy.us\)](#)

Motion to recommend Mary Ann McCauley for the Alternate seat contingent on the Board of Commissioners making the appointment to District 3 is made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Linda Hardie. Motion passed unanimously.

19. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation to appoint Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz as Associate Members as soon as their expiring Board positions are filled by the Board of County Commissioners (For Possible Action)

Donna stated the Bylaws for the Board give an associate member a slot as an advisor in the Board. It would be a good idea to give a refresher on the Bylaws for all Board members.

Motion to recommend and appoint Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz as Associate Members as soon as their seats are filled is made by Linda Hardie and seconded by Rick Sorensen. Motion passed unanimously.

20. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation to elect a new Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary for the Senior Advisory Board to be effective September 2021 (For Possible Action)

Linda asked if they should hold off on these recommendations. Donna stated it's up to the Board, but if they start to talk about it now, it will speed up the process. Rick stated he is still interested in the Secretary position and believes Deborah Whitehouse and Sarah Deardorff are good candidates for Chair and Vice Chair. Sarah stated if someone can commit to the Chair, she will consider Vice Chair. Donna asked Hawah if she would be interested in the Chair position; Hawah stated if no one else would want the position, she is willing to do it. Herb stated that a person that is an Alternate cannot be an officer of the Board. Donna and Linda stated they may need to wait to make recommendations.

Motion to wait to make recommendations until September was made by Linda Hardie and seconded by Donna Clontz. Motion passed unanimously.

21. *Report, discussion, and updates on the Advisory Board member's Shared Issues and Goals for Housing, Advocacy, Communication & Information, Data Planning, Transportation, Nutrition Programs, Social & Recreation, Senior Law, Volunteering, Financing, and Social & Health Services (For Possible Action)

Attachment: [8-04-21 Joint Goals Wrksht.pdf \(washoecounty.us\)](https://www.washoecounty.us/8-04-21%20Joint%20Goals%20Wrksht.pdf)

No reports.

22. *Report and discussion on senior board members to attend ongoing Washoe County public meetings

Attachment: [8-04-21 Monthly Washoe County Public Meetings Chart.pdf](https://www.washoecounty.us/8-04-21%20Monthly%20Washoe%20County%20Public%20Meetings%20Chart.pdf)

No reports.

23. *Advisory Board Members' announcements, reports and updates to include requests for information or topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Advisory Board Members will take place on this item.)

Donna states she worked on the surveys that were given out to the seniors in regard to what activities they would like to have and Reno, Sparks, and Paradise Park had feedback. On the top of the list were Bean Bag Baseball, Tech Café, and Exercise. Paco Lachoy stated City of Reno is working on a mobile Tech Café for seniors. Larry stated the Center for Healthy Aging is doing an event August 28th.

24. *Public comment –

None.

25. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Motion to adjourn was made by Rick Sorensen and seconded by Linda Hardie. Motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.